

INELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE: 4/4/68

FULL NAME Andrew Beargeon F
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

S.S. NO.

ADDRESS 649 Chalkstone Ave.

CITY Providence STATE RI (Central Falls)
ZIP CODE

DATE OF BIRTH (45) DOB-1923 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 45 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION Protestant NATIONALITY (Citizen of)

OCCUPATION

EDUCATION

WEIGHT HEIGHT RACE

COLOR OF HAIR COLOR OF EYES

DISTINGUISHING PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

HOBBIES OR SPECIAL INTERESTS

MARRIED ☐ SINGLE ☐ NAME OF SPOUSE

Separated

CHILDREN

(Name, number, ages, if possible)

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
Tr-4	Central Falls	RI	SM		4/68
Tr-65	Pawtucket	RI	SM	11/67	4/68
Chartered Organization					

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Check off list of attached documentation

Has been implicated in acts of
perversion with boys.

1. Description of incident
2. Victim(s) statement
3. media reports
4. Legal proceedings
5. Offender's statement
6. Official notification of termination
7. Found guilty/innocent by court

Council Narragansett Co-#546- Signed Registration/National
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

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April 18, 1968

Mr. Robert F. Parkinson
Scout Executive
Narragansett Council, No. 546

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Parky:

Thank you for your letter of April 8 and the letters you enclosed concerning Louis Santos and Andrew Bargeon. We have placed this information in our files and have taken steps to have their names removed from the unit rosters where they are currently registered.

Enclosed are two confidential record sheets which we would very much appreciate your filling out and returning to us as soon as possible, together with any substantiating material which may be available regarding each situation. This additional information will enable us to identify these individuals should they ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

Since Mr. Bargeon was Scoutmaster of Troop 66 (Nat'l. #1031) this leaves the unit without any registered leader. Undoubtedly, someone is taking over in this position. In order for the unit to continue to receive program inserts in Scouting Magazine, it will be necessary to advise this office of the name of the new unit leader. This should be done by filing with us an additional enrollment for this individual in his new position. Please do not file a separation notice as we have already dropped the current leader.

Sincerely,

Howard Boyd, Director
Registration and Fulfillment Service

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Encl.

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April 8, 1968

Mr. Howard Boyd
National Council, BSA
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Howard:

Enclosed are letters addressed to me by members of my staff concerning two individuals who in our judgement should be placed on the confidential file and barred from any further Scouting affiliation.

Mr. Louis Santos has evidenced complete financial irresponsibility and there are just too many instances where money has been misappropriated.

Andrew Beargeon has been implicated in acts of perversion and in our judgement is unfit to associate with boys. He has resigned from his troop position and been informed by us that he can no longer be registered in any capacity with the Boy Scouts of America.

If you need any further information by all means let me know.

Cordially,

Robert F. Parkinson
Scout Executive

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April 4, 1968

Mr. Robert F. Parkinson, Scout Executive
Narragansett Council, B.S.A.
175 Broad Street
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Parky:

Recently, [REDACTED], Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 12, Darlington Congregational Church, Pawtucket informed me, while on a week-end camping trip with Troop 65, Church of the Good Shepherd, Pawtucket, Andrew Beargeon, Scoutmaster of Troop 65, stated to him that he had too many personal problems to continue on as Scoutmaster and was planning to resign and get out of Scouting. Mr. [REDACTED] invited him to become an assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 12, subject to the approval of the troop committee and the Scout Office. When I was made aware of this, I stated that he could transfer if there was an assistant who would take over as Scoutmaster and if Troop 12 would approve him. I had no knowledge of the events which were to follow.

The question, also, of transferring two Scouts to Troop 12 (formerly of Troop 4 Central Falls while Mr. Beargeon was Scoutmaster there, and more recently of Troop 65) was discussed. Mr. [REDACTED] was informed that, unless there was a good legitimate reason for the transfer, we could not and would not look upon the transfer favorably just to allow the boys to be with their former Scoutmaster.

The troop committee of Troop 12 met on Wednesday evening, March 27, for their regular meeting. Among items on their agenda was the approval of Mr. Beargeon as an assistant Scoutmaster. When the subject was placed on the agenda, the Institutional Representative inquired as to his background, former experience, etc. Most members would have approved him readily for he had been a good Scoutmaster in the area for approximately six years. However, the committee chairman, [REDACTED], had heard rumors regarding the conduct of Mr. Beargeon with one of the Scouts, [REDACTED]. The committee then tabled the matter of approval pending further study.

On that Wednesday night, I was in the office for another meeting when [REDACTED] the neighborhood commissioner, called me and informed me of the developments at the committee meeting and requested help. From this telephone call to the present time, a lot of thought and many hours have been spent in trying to evaluate the case fairly. The steps and action taken are listed below:

1. District Commissioner Frank Durst was informed of the above details.
2. Mrs. [REDACTED] called this office and talked with Mr. Arthur Caesar, ADSE, regarding Mr. Beargeon and her son, [REDACTED]. This was Friday, March 29.



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3E. Upon receiving this information from Mr. Caesar, I called Mrs. [REDACTED] for an appointment to discuss this matter with both her and her husband. Appointment was made for 9:00 A.M. Monday, April 1, 1968.

4. Mr. Bearageon stopped in the office and informed me that there were stories going around about his behaviour and that they were not true. He has had problems with his wife and he was now separated from her. He accused her of starting these vicious lies about him to get even. He swore before me that he had never touched [REDACTED] and I believed him. At this time, no other boys' names had been mentioned. He also informed me that he was submitting his resignation to Troop 65 on March 29. The resignation was accepted with regret.

5. Called and visited with Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] are very close friends of the [REDACTED]. They informed me that they had no definite proof of any abnormal activities between [REDACTED] and Mr. B. - only stories being circulated about.

6. Met with Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] on Monday, April 1. Results again negative, with no actual proof of any wrong-doing. They had questioned their son, [REDACTED], age 11, and he stated that Mr. B. had never "touched" him or done anything wrong. The [REDACTED] were very upset, though, that Andy was seeing so much of their son alone, meeting him after school, church, to and from troop functions, and coming over the house and spending countless hours with [REDACTED]. The parents informed Mr. B. not to see [REDACTED] anymore, when rumors started being circulated.

7. During my conversations with the different parties involved, the name of [REDACTED], Eagle Scout, age 15, formerly of Troop 4, Central Falls but no longer active, kept coming up. People stated that Mr. B. was also very close to [REDACTED] while [REDACTED] was in Troop 4.

8. Called and made appointment with Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] for Tuesday evening, April 2.

9. Met the [REDACTED] and stated that I was checking on the background of Mr. Andrew Bearageon, knowing that he had been very close to the family and to Paul at one time. Both parents filled me in with the details of how they had trusted Andy and were grateful for the help he gave [REDACTED]. However, both Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] informed me that Mr. Bearageon had committed unnatural acts with their son, [REDACTED], and this was the reason that [REDACTED] was taken out of the scout troop. [REDACTED] was called into the room and told me the same story and that these acts had gone on for a period of about six months. The reason he gave for not informing his parents sooner was that he had been threatened by Mr. B. I questioned [REDACTED] to ascertain if he knew any other boys who were also involved. He then named his younger brother, [REDACTED], who also admitted that it was true. This came as a shock for the parents did not realize that [REDACTED] was involved.

10. [REDACTED], who had been a better than average student has been receiving numerous warning notices from school, as well as being lackadaisical and having frequent headaches. Family physician, without knowledge of his problem, recommended

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that they take [REDACTED] to a psychiatrist. This has not been done.

11. All parties involved have been told that these are very serious accusations and to be very careful what they say. The less said, the better.

12. The Blackstone Valley Key 3 is fully aware of all the details.

Based upon the information gathered, there appears to be enough evidence to recommend that Andrew Beargeon, 649 Chalkstone Avenue, Providence, R. I. no longer be allowed to be associated with the Boy Scouts of America.

Respectfully submitted,

Oliver M. Suhonen

Oliver M. Suhonen
District Scout Executive
Blackstone Valley District

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